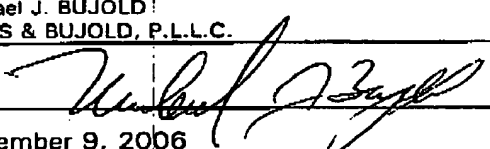
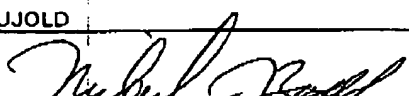


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The present Response After Final Rejection Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 is submitted in reply to the Final Office Action of August 10, 2006. The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following before reconsideration of the present Application and allowance of the present Application, in light of the following, or timely issuance of an Advisory Action if the Examiner feels such to be necessary.

**In the Claims:**

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